

DOE has proposed to the EM science and technology program.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, July 11, at 10 a.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should e-mail it to amanda_goldman@energy.senate.gov or fax it to 202-224-9026.

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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 25, 2002. The purpose of this hearing will be to consider nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. on reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing to conduct oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency Inspector General's actions with respect to the Ombudsman and evaluate S. 606, a bill to provide additional authority to the Office of the Ombudsman of EPA.

The hearing will be held in SD-406.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 25, 2002 at 10:15 a.m. to hold a nominations hearing.

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Nominees: Mr. James Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania; Mr. Michael Klosson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus; Mr. James Gadsden, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland; and Mr. Randolph

Bell, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 25, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on the Peace Corps.

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Witnesses

Panel 1: The Honorable Gaddi Vasquez, Director, The Peace Corps, Washington, DC.

Panel 2: The Honorable Mark Schneider, Former Director of the Peace Corps, Vice President, International Crisis Group, Washington, DC.

Panel 3—Returned Peace Corps Volunteers: Mr. Dane Smith, Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia 1963-65, President, National Peace Corps Association, Washington, DC; Mrs. Barbara Ferris, Volunteer in Morocco (1980-1982), Women in Development Coordinator (1987-1993), Peace Corps, Washington, DC; and Mr. John Coyne Pelham, Volunteer in Ethiopia/Eritrea (1962-1964), NYC Regional Manager (1994-2000), Peace Corps, New York City, New York.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on the reauthorization of the Office of Education Research and Improvement during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Submitted on Public Health, be authorized to meet for a hearing on "The Crisis in Children's Dental Health: A Silent Epidemic" during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in SD-430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space and the House Subcommittee on Science and Space be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at 1 p.m. in 2318 Rayburn Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY, TERRORISM, AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Protecting the Homeland: The President's Proposal for Reorganizing Our Homeland Security Infrastructure" on Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Agenda

Tentative witness list

Panel I: The Honorable Warren B. Rudman, Co-Chair, United States Commission on National Security/21st Century, Washington, DC; the Honorable James S. Gilmore III, Former Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Chairman, Advisory Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorism Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction, Richmond, VA; and the Honorable David M. Walker, Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Paul C. Light, Vice President and Director, Governmental Studies, the Brookings Institution, Washington, DC; Ivo H. Daalder, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies, the Brookings Institution, Washington, DC; and Ivan Eland, Director, Defense Policy Studies, CATO Institute, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 3971

Mr. REID. I believe that H.R. 3971, which was recently received from the House, is at the desk. I now ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3971) to provide for independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths that are caused by wildfire entrapment or turnover.

Mr. REID. I now ask for its second reading but object to my own request on behalf of a number of my colleagues.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will remain at the desk.

VIOLENCE AGAINST MASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 430, S. 2621.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2621) to provide a definition of vehicle for purposes of criminal penalties relating to terrorist attacks and other acts of violence against mass transportation systems.